

Ebola Virus Disease

On July 25, the Nigerian Ministry of Health confirmed a diagnosis of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in a man who died in a hospital in the country's capital of Lagos (population ~21 million). The man had been in isolation in the hospital since arriving at the Lagos airport from Liberia, where he apparently contracted the infection. Health authorities are investigating whether passengers or crew on the plane or other persons who had contact with the ill traveler are at risk for infection.

In addition, health authorities have reported that two U.S. healthcare workers at ELWA hospital in Monrovia, Liberia, have confirmed Ebola virus infection. One of the healthcare workers, a physician who worked with Ebola patients in the hospital, is symptomatic and in isolation. The other healthcare worker, a hygienist, developed fever but is showing no other signs of illness.

While no EVD cases have been reported in the United States, the recent cases demonstrate the risk for spread of the disease in traveler and healthcare provider populations. EVD poses little risk to the Idaho general population at this time. However, healthcare providers in Idaho are advised to be alert for signs and symptoms (see: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/symptoms/index.html>) of EVD in patients with compatible illness who have a recent (within 21 days) travel history to countries where the outbreak is occurring (Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone), and should consider isolation of those patients meeting these criteria, pending diagnostic testing.

For more information:

- 1) Additional information on EVD can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/ebola>
- 2) Interim Guidance on EVD for healthcare workers can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/abroad/healthcare-workers.html>
- 3) *Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Hospitalized Patients with Known or Suspected Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever in U.S. Hospitals*
<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/infection-prevention-and-control-recommendations.html>
- 4) Travel notices for each country in which the outbreak is occurring can be found at:
 - Guinea: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/alert/ebola-guinea>
 - Liberia: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/alert/ebola-liberia>
 - Sierra Leone: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/alert/ebola-sierra-leone>